



Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife Commission

JANUARY 28 – JANUARY 30, 2021

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2021 – COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 AM **Fish Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Carpenter, McIsaac

Location: [Zoom Link](https://zoom.us/j/93185471366) (<https://zoom.us/j/93185471366>)

Join by telephone: 1-253-215-8782 or 1-888-475-4499 (Toll Free) **Webinar ID:** 931-8547-1366

Agenda topics:

- Hatchery Policy Update – Ron Warren, Ken Warheit
- Non-Native Game Fish and Fisheries Policy Update – Steve Caromile
- Willapa Bay C-3622 Update – Marlene Wagner, Ron Warren

10:00 AM **Wildlife Committee Meeting** – Commissioners Thorburn, Baker, Anderson, Linville

Location: [Zoom Link](https://zoom.us/j/93184659385) (<https://zoom.us/j/93184659385>)

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Agenda topics:

- ADA Points
- TransAlta potential land acquisition
- E-Bikes – Status update on DFW Lands
- Grazing rulemaking update
- General discussion – current events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021 – REGULAR MEETING (The Commission meeting will be held via [Zoom Webinar](#).)

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8:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Commissioner's Discussion

Welcome New Commissioners

Thank You to Commissioners Smith and Kehoe

Meeting Minutes Approval

December 4-5, 2020 Draft Minutes

December 15, 2020 Draft Minutes

December 18, 2020 Draft Minutes

Committee Reports

45 min

- 8:45 AM** **2. Open Public Input** *60 min*
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- 9:45 AM** **3. Director's Report** *30 min*
The Director will brief the Commission on various items, including an update on Covid-19 matters.
- 10:15 AM** **4. WDFW Managed Nonlethal Pursuit Training Program – Decision** *30 min*
Staff will ask the Commission for a decision the proposed nonlethal pursuit pass program will help to ensure opportunity for handlers to keep dogs trained for quick and skilled action for public safety calls for service.
- Staff Report: Rebecca Bennett, Community Outreach Liaison and Captain Jeff Wickersham, WDFW Enforcement
- 10:45 AM** **Break** *15 min*
- 11:00 AM** **5. Grazing Program Policy and WACs – Briefing** *30 min*
Staff will provide Commission with an overview of our Grazing Program on WDFW Lands, including newly developed draft guidance and a recommendation related to a scheduled February Commission decision on proposed changes to the existing WAC and Commission grazing policy.
- Staff Report: Paul Dahmer, Wildlife Area Section Manager, Jeff Burnham, WDFW Range Ecologist, and Cynthia Wilkerson, Wildlife Program Lands Division Manager
- 11:30 AM** **6. ESHB 1261 Mineral Prospecting – Briefing, Public Hearing** *45 min*
Staff will provide a briefing on the Hydraulic Code rule proposal to implement ESHB 1261.
- Staff Report: Margen Carlson, Habitat Director and Theresa Nation, Environmental Planner
- Public Hearing – This Item Only**
- 12:15 PM** **7. Blue Sheet: Pinniped Conservation and Management – Briefing** *60 min*
In response to a F&W Commission request, staff will present an update on pinniped conservation and management efforts in the Columbia River and Puget Sound.
- Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Government Affairs; Kessina Lee, Southwest Region Director; Dr. Scott Pearson, Senior Research Scientist, Wildlife Program; and Dr. Joe Anderson; Senior Research Scientist, Fish Program.
- 1:15 PM** **Lunch** *30 min*
- 1:45 PM** **8. Commercial Whale Watching Position Statement – Briefing, Decision** *30 min*
Staff will provide the Commission with a revised draft statement on their December 18, 2020 decision on commercial whale watching regulations for discussion and possible adoption.

Staff Report: Nate Pamplin, Director of Budget and Government Affairs, and Dr. Julie Watson, Killer Whale Policy Lead

2:15 PM

9. Lower Columbia Sturgeon Population Status and Management Annual Review – Briefing, Public Comment

45 min

Staff will provide the Commission an annual review briefing on lower Columbia River sturgeon population status, as stipulated within Policy C-3001, and discuss plans for 2021 fisheries.

Staff Report: Laura Heironimus CRMU Sturgeon/Smelt/Lamprey Unit Lead

Public Comment – This Item Only

3:00 PM

10. Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, the Commission will meet in executive session. No action will be taken during executive session and the public is not permitted to attend.

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12. Oregon Vesper Sparrow – Briefing, Public Hearing

20 min

Staff will brief the Commission on the Periodic Status Review for the Oregon Vesper Sparrow.

Staff Report: Derek Stinson, Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Diversity Division and Taylor Cotten, Conservation Assessment Section Manager

Public Hearing – This Item Only

- 9:20 AM** **13. Hatchery Policy (C-3619) Review – Briefing, Public Comment** *55 min*
The Commission will consider revisions to the November 6, 2020 public review draft, take public comment and discuss planned next steps in the Policy C-3619 review process.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy

Public Comment – This Item Only

- 10:15 AM** **14. C-3622 Willapa Bay Policy – Briefing, Public Comment** *55 min*
The Commission will hear staff recommendations of a draft schedule for the balance of the Policy C-3622 review process. The Commission will also take public comment and provide guidance on next steps in the process.

Staff Report: Ron Warren, Director of Fish Policy, and Marlene Wagner, South Coast Policy Lead

Public Comment – This Item Only

- 11:10 AM** **15. Baker Sockeye – Briefing, Public Comment** *30 min*
Staff will brief the Commission on the current status of Baker Sockeye.

Staff Report: Edward Eleazer, Region Four Fish Program Manager and Mickey Agha, PhD, Statewide Pink, Chum, Sockeye Specialist

Public Comment – This Item Only

- 11:40 AM** **16. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief** *15 min*
The Commission will discuss items that arise immediately before, during, or after the meeting and after the preliminary agenda is published and consider future agenda planning.

- 11:55 AM** **Adjourn**

*Times on the agenda are approximate, the Commission may adjust the agenda to meet scheduling needs. *

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